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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4457 IMMEDIATE

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PA or FOI EXEMPTIONS

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN QUERIED THREE TIMES BY NEWSMEN THIS MORNING ABOUT NEW YORK TIMES SERVICE ARTICLE. MENTIONED REFTEL. EMBASSY HAS REPLIED THAT STATEMENT IN HEADLINE AND FIRST SENTENCE TO EFFECT THAT US SOUGHT CANADIAN PERMISSION TO FIRE ABM'S OVER CANADIAN TERRITORY WAS INACCURATE AND MISLEADING.

2. EXTAFF DEPT OFFICIAL (NUTT) INFORMS EMBASSY THAT CANADIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAS CONFIRMED TO OTTAWA THAT PURPORTED STATEMENT IN ARTICLE BY DOD COORDINATED WITH STATE DEPARTMENT WAS INDEED ACCURATE, (SEE QUOTATION IN REFTEL). NUTT ALSO SAID REFERENCE IN ARTICLE TO STATEMENT BY CANADIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS WAS ACCURATE. IN PREPARING BRIEFING PAPER FOR POSSIBLE USE BY PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU DURING PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION PERIOD TODAY, NUTT SAID FOLLOWING ANSWERS WOULD BE RECOMMENDED FOR HIS USE: (A) QUESTION OF PERMISSION TO FIRE ABMS OVER CANADA HAS NOT BEEN RAISED BY EITHER DOD OR STATE DEPARTMENT; (B) IF ASKED IF HE WOULD EXPECT US TO ASK PERMISSION, DRAW ON ANSWERS HE MADE IN COMMONS MARCH 17 (OTTAWA 363) AND SAY HE WAS STILL STUDYING OVE-ALL IMPLICATIONS OF SAFEGUARD SYSTEM AND COULD TAKE NO POSITION ON ANY SPECIFIC ASPECT AT THIS TIME.

3. NUTT SAID EXTAFF DEPT WAS FOR MOMENT AVOIDING STICKY

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LEGAL PROBLEM OF WHERE CANADIAN TERRITORIAL AIRSPACE ENDED AND OUTER SPACE BEGAN. HE VAGUELY RECALLED SOME EARLIER MENTION BY FORMER EXSTAFF MIN MARTIN AT ABM'S WOULD TRANSIT ONLY OUTER SPACE, NOT CANADIAN AIRSPACE, BUT HOPED AVOID GETTING MIRED IN THIS MUDDY AREA. STILL, HE THOUGHT GOC WOULD HAVE TO EXAMINE SUCH ASPECTS, INCLUDING TRAJECTORY PATHS OF SPARTANS AND SO ON.

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